

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 15, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THURMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bills S. 892 and H. R. 3064.]

*The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 3064) to remove the political disabilities of W. S. Maxwell, of Tennessee, and also S. 892, for the same purpose, make the following report:*

Before the rebellion the petitioner, William S. Maxwell, was attorney general of a judicial district in Tennessee, and took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States. He gave aid to the rebellion, and therefore came within the provisions of section 3 of article 14 of the amendments of the Constitution, as he supposes. He has therefore petitioned to have his disabilities removed. But if he was an "executive" officer, within the meaning of that word in said article of the Constitution, his disabilities were removed by the act of Congress entitled "An act to remove political disabilities imposed by the 14th article of the amendments of the Constitution of the United States," approved May 22, 1872 (17 Stats. at Large, p. 142). There is consequently no necessity for the passage of the bills above mentioned; and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommend their indefinite postponement.

